

RESOLUTION NUMBER 77
Bruce Sommer

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Bruce Sommer will soon be retiring; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Sommer was born in St. Louis and grew up on Flora Place, where he spent his days playing Cowboys and Indians in Shaw's Garden. He earned money every summer by selling snow cones on North Boyle in Gaslight Square; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Chaminade High School he joined the Army. Bruce was sent to Germany for 3 years, where he produced and directed Broadway shows for the troops. Among his productions were: The Andersonville Trails, At War With The Army, and his favorite "Seven Nuns In Las Vegas," which was an all-female cast; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, Bruce received both his Bachelor's and Master's in Political Science from UMSL where he taught Political Science courses for 3 years and then was named Director of Neighborhood Programs for St. Louis University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Bruce was one of the first residents of Laclede Town, and he was elected to serve as Sixth Ward Alderman from 1975-1983. He bought and restored the 911 Tucker Building, a former speakeasy, and opened The Sommer House Restaurant in 1978 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, Bruce was appointed by Mayor Schoemehl as Director of Kiel and the Arena. In 1984 he was appointed Director of Cervantes Convention Center, now America's Center and the Edward Jones Dome. He has served under four CVC directors during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has traveled extensively and plans to continue this activity in his retirement along with renewing his teaching career by joining the Public Policy Group at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Bruce looks forward to spending more time in his retirement with his sons, David and John and his grandson, Austin.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Bruce Sommer for his leadership and contributions to the St. Louis community and to wish him the best of health and success as he retires and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of June, 2009 by:

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen